

UNL ROTC midshipmen to serve foreign navies

By Victoria Ayotte
Senior Reporter

Two University of Nebraska-Lincoln Navy ROTC midshipmen will sail the foreign seas this summer when they participate in training with the Belgian and West German navies.

Chris Vanderneck and Matt Poling, both juniors, were selected for cross-training with the foreign navies in a navy exchange program for midshipmen, said Lt. Tim Powell of the UNL Navy ROTC program.

Vanderneck will train with the Belgian navy, and Poling will train with the West German navy.

Powell said the midshipmen probably will leave the United States about the end of May and be gone for six to eight weeks, depending on the individual program.

The midshipmen were notified they were chosen earlier this month, he said.

Powell said it is uncommon that two students from the same university should be selected for participation in the program.

"The quality of the institution is recognized by the recognition of two students," he said.

Three students from UNL initially applied, Powell said. About 1,500 students nationwide applied for 71 positions, he said.

"What's outstanding is that they were both chosen first in their categories," Powell said.

Twenty-seven other countries are participating in the program, he said.

Last year, one UNL student was chosen to train with the Japanese navy, he said.

The main advantage of the training will be learning about how the foreign navies

operate, Powell said. The U.S. Navy can see what other navies are doing and can make improvements from the observations, he said.

"We gain an insight into what they have, and they gain an insight into what we have," he said. "It's going to help us in general friendliness and cooperation."

Powell, Vanderneck and Poling agreed that the experience will also be personally rewarding.

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"It'll give them a broader understanding of the outside world," Powell said.

Vanderneck and Poling said they are excited about the opportunity.

"It's going to be a tremendous experience," Poling said.

While abroad, the midshipmen will participate in training on various ships, as well as possibly training with a squadron and doing public-relations work, he said.

Part of the requirements for participating in the program was a foreign-language background, Powell said. Vanderneck and Poling were probably chosen because of their high grade point averages and good foreign-language backgrounds, he said.

"It'll certainly brush up my French," Vanderneck said.

Chemistry majors get own room

By William Lauer
Staff Reporter

Students in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chemistry department were given an undergraduate student common-room, courtesy of Dow Chemical Company, Monday.

The room, Hamilton Hall 414, was dedicated on behalf of David Sheetz, who received his doctorate in chemistry from UNL in 1952 and is now senior vice president and chief scientist for Dow. Dow donated more than \$13,000 for the room.

Craig Eckhardt, UNL professor of chemistry, said some chemistry students had expressed the desire to have a place to meet and socialize while at school.

Eckhardt said the room is meant to be a home away from home for undergraduate chemistry majors. The room was not intended specifically as a place for students to study, he said.

"Some (students) spend the whole day on campus," he said. "It's a place where they can let their hair down, put their feet up, do whatever they want to between classes."

Eckhardt was interim chairman of the chemistry department when Dick Skochdopole, associate development scientist for Dow, was interviewing UNL students for jobs with Dow.

"He asked me if there was anything they (Dow) could do for the department and I said—money," Eckhardt said.

Eckhardt said Dow has been very generous to the department in the past by giving money to finance graduate projects and to hire several UNL graduates.

Christy Martin, a senior chemistry major, said she thinks the room will be useful.

"I wish we would have had it a few years ago," she said. "You get to meet other chemistry majors."

Principals and freshmen meet today

By Anne Mohri
Senior Reporter

High school staff members and University of Nebraska-Lincoln freshmen will gather today to talk about college experiences and ways to improve college preparation.

Bob Zetocha, UNL assistant director of admissions, said about 430 Nebraska high school principals, counselors and faculty members will attend the 33rd annual Principal/Freshman Conference at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The event is sponsored by the UNL Admissions Office.

Zetocha said the goal of the program is to help with the transition from high school to enrolling into the university. "We hope to foster the relationship between the University of Nebraska and the high schools of Nebraska."

The program, beginning at 8:50 a.m., will

consist of three 50-minute sessions. Each session will have 10 programs. Representatives from various university departments and offices will make presentations at the sessions.

Gov. Kay Orr is the keynote speaker at the chancellor's luncheon where seven high school principals or counselors will be honored for having attended the conference 25 or more years ago, Zetocha said.

After the luncheon, the high school officials will meet with UNL students from their schools, he said.

The meetings will allow students to communicate with people from their high schools about problems and successes they have had during their first year, Zetocha said.

The principals and counselors then can let current high school students know how former students are doing at UNL, he said.

Sue Tidball recipients 'bridge gaps, improve system'

By Victoria Ayotte
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Barb Meister, Galen Dodge and Luis Diaz-Perdomo were surprised and honored to win the Sue Tidball Award for Creative Humanity, but for Dodge and Diaz-Perdomo the award had an even deeper meaning.

Dodge and Diaz-Perdomo said the honor was especially meaningful because they had known Sue Tidball, for whom the award is named.

Meister, senior political science major; Dodge, associate professor of

agricultural education and director of the Human Resources Research Foundation; and Diaz-Perdomo, a psychological counselor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Counseling Center, were selected from 12 nominees for outstanding contributions to UNL.

The three winners were each given a certificate as well as \$100 during an awards ceremony Sunday at St. Mark's on the Campus Church.

"I was really honored and really touched," Dodge said.

Diaz-Perdomo said being identified as someone who was consistent with what Tidball had tried to do was a real honor.

"It was a very emotional moment to me," he said.

The Rev. Larry Doerr, chairman of the selection committee, said main criteria for award recipients were that they made significant contributions to the university community, learned to bridge gaps among different groups, helped improve the system and exhibited a caring attitude.

The award recipients seemed to be more representative of the criteria than the other nominees, he said.

Doerr said Meister had a strong background because of her experience with the University Program Council, her work with ethnic minorities and homosexuals and her efforts on behalf of the farm crisis.

Meister is currently the executive board chairman of UPC and was co-founder of FACTS, Farm Action Concerns for Tomorrow's Society. "It also has to do with the kind of

person she is," Doerr said. "She is not preoccupied with herself."

Meister said she was surprised and pleased to receive the award.

"It was an affirmation of my efforts in carrying out what I had set out to do," Meister said.

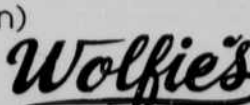
Meister said it was an especially an honor because the others nominated were also outstanding.

"It was just my persistent dedication to addressing issues and concerns that were relevant but also overlooked," she said.

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